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## Response - C

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, the following remarks are submitted. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.